

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2057 – HB 2498

February 12, 2018

SUMMARY OF BILL: Entitles each member of the House of Representatives to be eligible for reimbursement for out-of-state travel to attend one or more appropriate legislative conferences, meetings, or other gatherings each calendar year. Declares that the policy of the House of Representatives must provide reimbursement that is no less restrictive than the reimbursement provided to each member of the Senate for attending similar out-of-state events.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$77,500

Assumptions:

- According to the Office of Legislative Administration (OLA), Senate members average two out-of-state events each year.
- Based on information from OLA, out of 99 House members, on average 41 members travel each year to out-of-state events, and an average of 58 members do not travel.
- Assuming at least 75 percent of the House members that travel annually decide to attend at least one additional out-of-state event as a result of this legislation, there will be at least 31 (41 x 75.0%) additional out-of-state events attended by House members for which they will be reimbursed annually for travel expenditures incurred.
- OLA indicates an average travel expense reimbursement of \$2,500 per member per out-of-state event attended.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$77,500 (31 reimbursements x \$2,500 average reimbursement).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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